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Margaret Chase Smith . . .

## Comment about the CIA

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Washington—Senator Margaret Chase Smith, R-Maine, has observed tartly that the Central Intelligence Agency "is being used as a dumping ground for the 1960 campaign statements of candidate Kennedy."

Mrs. Smith, a member of the Senate Space Committee, made the statement in an appearance on the "Ask Ken Keating" program Sunday.

The Republican Senator had asked her:

"Is it accurate or fair to blame our intelligence agencies for the charges of a missile gap over a period of years leading up to the campaign in 1960 when we heard so much about a missile gap?"

The Maine Senator, who was the first woman ever elected to the Senate in her own right, said that she is "very skeptical about putting the hot potato of the missile myth on the doorstep of the CIA."

"The CIA," she added, "is becoming a catch-all to cover up the 1960 campaign statements of candidate Kennedy which are coming back to haunt him as President."

ON ANOTHER topic, Mrs. Smith said she doubted seriously if the United States has

as much to gain as the Soviet Union in the series of scientific meetings now going on in New York City between representatives of the two countries."

"In the first place, we have decided superiority over Russia on really important space development," she stated. "Russia has the edge over us on thrust power, but when it comes to finer scientific space developments and information, we have great superiority over Russia."

Mrs. Smith took a dim view of any scientific-disarmament treaty being worked out with Russia.

She pointed out that Russia has "broken every agreement she ever made with us—and just remember the example last year when she broke the nuclear test ban agreement."

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